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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	2060/52(a)
First Named Inventor	Dorothy N Kohn
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Application Number	
Filing Date	Herewith
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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SPORT UTILITY SOFT TOP WITH REMOVABLE PANELS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Dorothy Kohn and Richard C. Essig

Application No./Patent No.: Filed/Issue Date: Herewith

Entitled: SPORT UTILITY SOFT TOP WITH REMOVABLE PANELS

Bestop, Inc., a Delaware corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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